

IN THE CLAIMS

1. Cancelled.
2. Cancelled.
3. (Currently Amended) A boneless sliced meat product having its meat arranged in the form of a continuous spiral cut having two ends about an axis of the meat, the axis being created by the temporary insertion of a support member in the meat, wherein the depth of said cut is limited to leave an uncut core of meat, said core being of sufficient cross-section to cause the boneless sliced meat to retain its shape when the support member is removed, wherein the point of entry of the support member into the meat product defines a first end and the point of exit from the meat member of the support member defines a second end and wherein the ends of the continuous spiral cut of the meat product reside ~~the meat is sliced to~~ within a range of 1/8 inch to 1 inch from said first and second ends, respectively.
4. (Currently Amended) A boneless sliced meat product of Claim 3, wherein the ends of the continuous spiral cut of the meat product reside ~~the meat is sliced to~~ within 1/2 of an inch of said first and second ends, respectively.
5. (Currently Amended) A boneless sliced meat product of Claim 3, wherein the ends of the continuous spiral cut of the meat product reside ~~the meat is sliced to~~ within 1/4 of an inch of said first and second ends, respectively.
6. (Currently Amended) A boneless sliced meat product of Claim 3, wherein the ends of the continuous spiral cut of the meat product reside ~~the meat is sliced to~~ within 1/8 of an inch of said first and second ends, respectively.
7. (Currently Amended) A boneless sliced meat product of Claim 3, wherein the ends of the continuous spiral cut of the meat product reside ~~the meat is sliced to~~ within 1 inch of said first and second ends, respectively.

8. Cancelled.

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10. Cancelled.

11. Cancelled.

12. Cancelled.

13. Cancelled.